

report of No. 1 right, it was just what Ald. Scarrow wanted. Three simple questions were to be submitted to the people, and these figures were merely intended to help them.

Ald. Birrell said the figures had been prepared at Ald. Scarrow's request.

Mayor Hyman was sorry Ald. Scarrow should say the schemes were complicated, or think that the ratepayers could not vote intelligently on three simple questions. It seemed as though Ald. Scarrow were of the section—if there was such a section—who did not favor either Carling's Farm or Salter's Grove, but he could not see how he could say that the matter was complicated in any possible way. The Council simply gave the people these estimates, and then asked them three questions: "Shall the Exhibition Grounds be sold; if so, do you favor the purchase of Carling's Farm; or do you favor the purchase of Salter's Grove?" The people were intelligent enough to vote on these.

Ald. Hewitt asked if the Council could not buy what additional land they wanted afterwards.

The Mayor—Certainly.

Ald. Scarrow pressed his motion.

Mayor Hyman raised the point of order. Ald. Scarrow's resolution was not an amendment to the original motion. Let him wait till the by-law was read.

Ald. Cowan asked if No. 1 had obtained the Solicitor's opinion as to who were eligible to vote, and who could vote to create a debt by purchasing property elsewhere.

Mayor Hyman replied that all who could vote for Aldermen were eligible to vote on the question. It was not to create a debt, but simply to sell one place and take another. They would have to apply to the Legislature before they could create a debt, and the vote would be an informal one.

Ald. Scarrow believed it would create a debt.

Ald. Cowan thought they should simply ask the people whether to sell the Exhibition Grounds or not. If No. 1 Committee would say that the scheme was not going to cost more than estimated he would be satisfied.

Mayor Hyman said the committee had given the figures, and the Council knew as much as they did about it.

The Chairman ruled Ald. Scarrow's motion out of order.

Ald. Birrell moved that clause 3 pass. Carried.

The committee rose, and the Council resumed.

When the committee reported Ald. Birrell moved the adoption of the report.

In amendment Ald. Scarrow moved that the estimated price to be received for Salter's Grove be reduced by \$15,000.

No seconder.

The report was adopted.

The by-law to provide for the submission to the ratepayers at the next municipal election of the questions: (a) do you favor the sale of the Exhibition Grounds? (b) if so, do you favor the purchase of Carling's Farm for exhibition purposes? (c) or do you favor the purchase of Salter's Grove? and also specifying that the vote be taken by ballot, and that all who are eligible to vote for Aldermen shall be eligible to vote on the by-law, was read a first time.

On the motion for second reading, Ald. O'Meara moved that the question in reference to Salter's Grove be struck out.

No seconder.

Ald. Stringer moved that the words "and military purposes" be added to the question as to Carling's Farm.

Ald. Scarrow raised the point of order.

Mayor Hyman did not agree with either motion.

Ald. Birrell said the last motion might be laid over till after the deputation should see the Government.

Mayor Hyman said that after considering the matter he thought Ald. Stringer was right. If they made an arrangement the word "military" must be inserted in the by-law.

Ald. Stringer—We could not use it after the by-law is passed.

Mayor Hyman—We had better lay it over till next meeting.

Ald. Cowan said it would be premature to use the word "military," but there could be added "and military purposes if required." Then, no harm would be done, as it left the matter open should the deputation succeed.

Mayor Hyman said if they were satisfied a new scheme could be brought in to take the place of the present, after the visit of the deputation. If this was done, it could be put in at next meeting.

Ald. Birrell—Perhaps we had better leave the third reading for next meeting.

Mayor Hyman—That would be better.

Ald. Hewitt moved the second reading. Ald. Skinner seconded.

In amendment, Ald. Scarrow moved that the question be submitted simply, shall the Exhibition Grounds be sold, and that questions B and C as to Carling's Farm and Salter's Grove be struck out.

The amendment was not seconded, and the by-law was read a second time.

Ald. Stringer moved the third reading. Ald. Skinner seconded.

In amendment Ald. Hewitt moved that

the third reading be deferred till next meeting. Ald. Scarrow seconded.

The original motion was lost, and the amendment carried.

On motion a deputation composed of the members of No. 1 Committee and the Mayor was appointed to visit Ottawa on the 26th inst., to wait upon the Minister of Militia in reference to the Military Grounds.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

Ald. Cowan asked if it was the intention to withdraw the appeal cases, *re* the Salvation Army, which were to come up at the sessions. They would cost the city a good deal of expense unless withdrawn.

On motion, No. 1 Committee was requested to take the matter into consideration.

In accordance with a notice given at previous meeting, Alderman Stringer moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner that a by-law be passed for the submission to the people of the following questions:—"1. Shall the management of the water-works department by three commissioners be abolished? 2. If so, shall it be placed under the management of the Council?"

In doing so he had no desire to reflect on the present Board, but when the matter was under discussion there was a strong feeling in regard to the management of the works. When constructed it was understood that the works should be built by commissioners, and when in thorough working order should be handed over to the Council. He believed that time had come, and that they should consider the

question on its merits. He thought that a large saving could be effected in the management of the works, and that all the revenue connected with the city should pass through the hands of one man. It was his opinion that the works could be carried on at a great saving, by the city officials, with a little extra help. He simply asked the by law should be submitted and let the people understand that if they wished to continue the commissioners they must pay them. He did not move this from any reflection on any of the citizens but simply because he believed it would be in the interest of the city.

Ald. Skinner seconded the motion because he had been asked to do so by his constituents. He believed a great saving would be effected by placing the control of the waterworks in the hands of the Council. Motion carried.

BY LAWS.

By-laws were read a first, second and third time and passed, providing for the construction of a stone flag sidewalk on the south side of Dundas street, a tile drain on part of Maitland and a sewer on part of Richmond street.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Ald. Scarrow—I will move at next meeting that the City Hall shall not in future be let for any sparring or pugilistic entertainments, and that the motion passed at this meeting granting it for such purpose be rescinded.

The Council adjourned for one week.